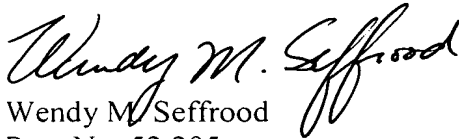


**Remarks**

After entry of the present Amendment, claims 23-26 are currently pending. Claims 17-22 were cancelled herein. No new matter has been added by these amendments. It is respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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